

BOARD OF EDUCATION
The School District of Independence

The Board of Education met in special session Monday, April 27, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. in the Large Classroom at George Caleb Bingham Middle School, 1716 South Speck Road, Independence, Missouri.

Members Present: Mr. Blake Roberson, President
Mr. Ken Johnston, Vice President
Mrs. Ann Franklin, Treasurer
Mrs. Susan Jones, Director
Mrs. Jana Waits, Director
Mr. Ira Anders, Director
Mr. Matt Mallinson, Director

Also Present: Dr. Jim Hinson, Superintendent
Dr. Henry Russell, Dr. Brian Mitchell, Mr. Dred Scott, Mrs. Nancy Lewis,
Mr. Tom Lesnak, Mr. David Edwards, Mr. Dick Bartow, Mr. Bill Hess,
interested staff and patrons, and Mrs. Annette Miller.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Blake Roberson, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Annette Miller.

Susan Jones made the motion to approve the April 27, 2009 Agenda as printed. The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson asked Dr. Mitchell to provide information on the Independence Regional Entrepreneurial Center. Dr. Mitchell explained that the Independence Regional Hospital facility had been closed approximately three years ago following the construction of the new Centerpoint Medical Center on 39th Street. He introduced Mr. Tom Lesnak, ICED, and Mr. David Edwards, CEAH Realty, who explained how the proposal of the Entrepreneurial Center was developed. There will be approximately 250,000 square feet of space in the South Tower of which 90,000 square feet will be utilized by the School District. The middle (older hospital area) portion of the current Independence Regional facility will be demolished and green space will be created. Mr. Edwards is working on the financing portion of the project and Mr. Lesnak is assisting him with acquiring tenants that will utilize the other 160,000 square feet as business incubators (new business enterprises). The City of Independence has approved \$10,000,000 in TIF funds as part of the financing for the project. Mr. Bartow and Mr. Hess explained that the District will need to finance approximately \$4,100,000 of which 35% will be tax exempt and 65% will be taxable due to the space used by for-profit businesses. They explained that the District is looking at various ways to finance the \$4.1 million. Mr. Edwards stated that there will be approximately an eight month time frame from the time of closing until occupants will be in the facility.

Jana Waits made the motion, second by Susan Jones, to approve the following Resolution:

Resolution authorizing The School District of the City of Independence, Missouri to acquire certain real property including certain existing buildings thereon, and to renovate and redevelop the same for District and other public purposes; authorizing and approving certain documents in connection therewith; and authorizing certain other actions in connection with the acquisition, renovation, and redevelopment of the property.

The motion was approved by the Board of Education as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Blake Roberson, President
Mr. Ken Johnston, Vice President
Mrs. Ann Franklin, Treasurer
Mrs. Susan Jones, Director
Mrs. Jana Waits, Director
Mr. Ira Anders, Director
Mr. Matt Mallinson, Director

Ann Franklin made the motion, second by Matt Mallinson, to approve the following Resolution:

Resolution providing for a lease purchase project and the offering for sale of an issue of lease participation certificates (The School District of the City of Independence Missouri Project), Series 2009.

The motion was approved by the Board of Education as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Blake Roberson, President
Mr. Ken Johnston, Vice President
Mrs. Ann Franklin, Treasurer

Mrs. Susan Jones, Director
Mrs. Jana Waits, Director
Mr. Ira Anders, Director
Mr. Matt Mallinson, Director

Dr. Hinson reported that a Press Conference will be scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2:00 p.m. at the Independence Regional facility to announce this project.

The Administration is recommending acceptance of the bid from NW Rogers Construction, Inc. for renovation at Truman High School for the Teen Parent Program. The program has previously been housed at Hanthorn School.

Ken Johnston made the motion that the Board of Education approves the bid from NW Rogers Construction, Inc. for the Teen Parent Program at Truman High School for a cost of \$201,680.00. The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ann Franklin made the motion, second by Ken Johnston, at 9:40 a.m. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by the Board of Education as follows:

Ayes: Blake Roberson
Ken Johnston
Ann Franklin
Susan Jones
Jana Waits
Ira Anders
Matt Mallinson